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Election to fill a vacancy in the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In a letter dated 26 June 2006, Giorgio Malinverni (Switzerland) notified the Secretary-General of his decision to resign as a member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights effective 1 January 2007. Mr. Malinverni's term of office was due to expire on 31 December 2008. The membership of the Committee from 1 January 2007 is listed in annex I to the present document.

2. In a note verbale dated 9 August 2006, the Secretary-General informed the States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights from the regional group of Western European and other States of Mr. Malinverni's resignation. In accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985 and rule 12 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Secretary-General invited the Governments concerned to submit, by 9 October, their nominations for membership in the Committee to fill the vacancy therein for the remainder of Mr. Malinverni's term of office.

3. In response to his communication, the Secretary-General has received the nomination of Barbara Wilson, submitted by the Government of Switzerland. Biographical information on Ms. Wilson is presented in annex II to the present document.

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Annex I

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

(18 members; four-year term)

Membership in 2007	*Term expires on 31 December*
Mohamed Ezzeldin Abdel-Moneim (Egypt)	2008
Clément Atangana (Cameroon)	2010
Rocío Barahona Riera (Costa Rica)	2008
Virginia Bonoan-Dandan (Philippines)	2010
Maria Virginia Brás Gomes (Portugal)	2010
Chandrashekhar Dasgupta (India)	2010
Azzouz Kerdoun (Algeria)	2010
Yuri Kolosov (Russian Federation)	2010
Giorgio Malinverni (Switzerland)	2008
Jaime Marchán Romero (Ecuador)	2010
Sergei N. Martynov (Belarus)	2008
Ariranga Govindasamy Pillay (Mauritius)	2008
Eibe Riedel (Germany)	2010
Andrzej Rzeplinski (Poland)	2008
Waleed M. Sa'di (Jordan)	2008
Philippe Texier (France)	2008
Alvaro Tirado Mejía (Colombia)	2010
Zhan Daode (China)	2008

Annex II

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Curriculum vitae

Name	Wilson, Barbara Elaine
Date and place of birth	27 May 1951 (Scarborough, England)
Nationalities	British by birth, Swiss by naturalization
Languages	English, mother tongue
	French, bilingual with English
	Good knowledge of German and Italian
Educational qualifications	
Legal background	
July 1999	Doctor of Laws
July 1994	Certificate, International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg
	(continuing education course on human rights law and humanitarian law)
January 1991	Law firm, Lausanne (worked on Criminal and Civil Cases)
1987-1990	Licence in Swiss law, University of Lausanne (October 1990)
General studies	
1978	Degree in interpretation with first class honours (obtained in one year), School of Interpreters and Translators, Institute of Linguists, Polytechnic of Central London, England
	Thesis: "La viticulture française"(obtained with honours)
	Inducted as a Member of the Institute of Linguists (August 1978)
1978-79	Oenology degrees, with honours, Wine and Spirit Education Trust of Great Britain, London
1977	G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examination in Italian (mark: AA), Richmond Adult College, Surrey, England
1972	Diploma with First Class Honours, Montessori Teacher Training College, London, England
1971	Certificates in French language and literature, Ecole de Français Moderne, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
1970	Executive Secretary's Diplomas, Cambridge College of Arts and Technology and Royal Society of Arts, England

1967 and 1969 G.C.E. Ordinary and Advanced Level Examinations, Queen Margaret's School, York, England

Professional activities

Professor of public international law and international human rights law, Faculty of Law and Criminal Justice, University of Lausanne (2006)

Subjects taught:

International protection of human rights (Master's programme)

Protection of Human Rights in the European Union (LL.M. programme)

Professor of Swiss public law, Faculty of Law and Economics, University of Savoie, Chambéry (2006)

Subjects taught:

Introduction to Swiss public law

Fundamental rights under Swiss law and international human rights law

Visiting professor, University Centre of International Humanitarian Law, Geneva (UCIHL) (2005)

Subject taught:

Protection of vulnerable categories of the civilian population in times of national crisis

Member, Board of Trustees of the University Centre of International Humanitarian Law, Geneva (UCIHL) (2006)

Visiting professor, European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) of the Council of Europe (with cooperation from the Municipality of Trieste)

Continuing education courses for senior officials from Balkan countries:

- "The United Nations' System of Human Rights Protection" (2002)
- "The Principle of Non-Discrimination and the Protection of Minority rights" (2002)
- "Non-discrimination towards minorities, especially through language rights: aspects of international law and domestic law" (2001).

Visiting professor, University of Geneva (Continuing education certificate in human rights)

Subject taught: "Protection of minorities under public international law" (2003 and 2004)

Publications

"La liberté de la langue des minorités dans l'enseignement. Étude de droit international et de droit suisse", Bâle/Genève/Munich/Bruxelles, 1999, Halbing & Lichtenhan/Bruylant, 462 p.

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"Le respect des convictions religieuses d'autrui et la protection de la morale: limites ultimes à la liberté d'expression au sens de l'article 10 § 2 de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme?", in: Revue suisse de droit international et de droit européen, 4/2000, pp. 475-512.

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